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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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AUGMENTED FIRE WEATHER STAFFING

The purpose of this memo to provide your Honorable Board with the Department's augmented fire weather staffing plans effective tonight at 8:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 6, 2013. The National Weather Service has issued predictions for winds in excess of 35 miles per hour sustained and humidity in the single digits beginning tonight. These conditions meet or exceed the threshold for the Department's extreme fire weather staffing procedures and we are calling a Red Flag Alert. As such, the following augmented staffing levels have been implemented in addition to what is normally staffed throughout our jurisdictions:

- Staffed 38 additional engines of various types
- 4 additional helicopters including the Erickson Sky-Crane and two fixed-wing aircraft (SuperScoopers)
- 3 additional dozer teams
- 9 water tenders
- 3 additional Helitenders
- 1 fuel tender
- 39 engine companies have been augmented with a fourth firefighter

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- All 22 on-duty battalion chiefs have been provided adjutants to assist them with incident management responsibilities
- 8 additional incident command personnel (Dispatch and Public Information Office)

The Department will continue to remain vigilant, closely monitor fire weather conditions, and provide periodic updates to your Honorable Board as necessary. Please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-6180 with any questions.

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